

DISTRICT SEVEN SAFETY MEETING

Monday, September 21, 2009

6:30 PM

Atonement Lutheran Church

4500 N. Sherman Blvd.

- I. **CALL MEETING TO ORDER:** Captain William Jessup called the meeting to order. He has been captain of District Seven for 6 months.
- II. **BURGLARY INITIATIVE:** Burglary has been on the upswing across the city. This may be, in part, due to the economy and unemployment. District Seven has launched a Task Force with District 4 (north of Villard) and Wauwatosa Police Department. Wauwatosa Police have been participating in daily briefings with MPD on this issue in an attempt to decrease burglary.
 - A. Statistics: **950 reported burglaries** between January and September, 2009.
Last three weeks—**16 garage** break-ins; **88 residential** break-ins
Property crime increases the perception of fear.
 - B. Trends:
 1. Day of week: The incidence of this crime was the highest with 21 of the 88 on Fridays followed by Tuesdays.
 2. Time of day: Most break-ins occur in the morning between 8:00AM and Noon after people have left home for the day. Individuals are out as early as 7:00AM watching as people leave for work. These individuals are investigating the location—driving by, bicycling, walking around, etc
 3. Target: Frequent attractions are flat screen Televisions, computer lap-tops cameras—electronics. Big market for the TVs since city has gone to digital broadcasting.
 4. Access to property: Usually through open/weakened windows and doors. Many are unlocked.
 - B. Response:
 1. MPD: 30-35 police officers/detectives on patrol through-out the day but particularly during those morning hours. Response time is heightened because this group of officers are dedicated to this particular initiative.
 2. ARRESTS: Three juveniles were arrested last week but burglars come at all ages. Arrests are being made. (15 additional arrests have been made since our meeting.)
 3. DOC: Probation and Parole agents are monitoring offenders, making more frequent home-visits, checking orders of probation.
 4. CITIZENS: **CALL IN ALL SUSPICIOUS BEHAVIOR.** Call 911 for crime in progress---933-4444 for all suspicious behavior (cars driving slowly through the alleys or streets, strangers hanging around, people randomly ringing door bells) If someone rings your doorbell and then acts like they made a mistake—call it in with a description of the person. Better to be safe than sorry.
 - Lock doors (dead bolts) and windows.
 - Do not dispose of the boxes from TVs, computers and other expensive items in the trash advertising your new purchase.
 - Mark your valuables with your license number or some code you can use to track and recover your property. Keep a record of the model numbers and serial numbers also.
 - If you have large flat screen TV, keep it from view of people driving down the street. Close the blinds or drapes or move the TV.
 - If you observe juveniles out of school, call that in with a good description. The police may catch up to them several blocks away but can be on the look-out

for them. TABS (Truancy Abatement Burglary Suppression) units are focusing on certain areas and making "sweeps."

- **COMMUNICATE WITH YOUR NEIGHBORS:** If your house has been burglarized, let your neighbors know. They may have seen something. We need to look out for each other.
- Turn your **LIGHTS** on. Criminals avoid well-lit areas because they do not want to be identified. Put CFL bulbs in your porch light fixtures. They last for years and cost less to run. Put up security lights.
- A citizen around 93rd Street has observed a black Malibu in the area that has been suspicious.
- Do not buy stolen property. If someone approaches you or you are aware of such sales, call the police.

III. COMMUNITY ISSUES:

- A. "Lights on for Safety" There are about 60 more houses on hold for installation of security lights this Fall. --- The project, open to Block Watches, will be utilizing resident electricians and asking the residents to pay a nominal fee.
- B. House/garage numbers in alleys: The Block Watch Program is offering residents an opportunity to get address numbers for their garages or the back of their homes. This is a city ordinance. You can call **Steve (445-7472)** with any questions or orders.

IV. WALGREEN'S INVOLVEMENT IN COMMUNITY:

- A. Community Out-reach: A few weeks ago, Loss Prevention Supervisor, Mark Hodny requested help from MPD on ways to strengthen their security and connect better with the community. He brought several store managers with him to the September Safety Meeting. Jeremy Walters, manager of the store on Hampton at Hopkins, Nicole Coates and administrative assistants, Robin Vanaacken and Tonya Lewis from the store on 6707 W. Hampton attended the meeting. All of them invited Block Captains from the area to come in to introduce themselves to the managers. They are also willing to attend any of your Block Meetings.
- B. Flu Shots \$24.99/ Insurance with co-pays covers. Walgreen's is offering flu shots from 10:00 – 4:00PM every day.
- C. FREE Halloween costume pictures will be offered to families in late October. They will bring flyers to the next meeting.

- V. **ACKNOWLEDGEMENT:** Captain Jessup acknowledged Stephen Schaefer for his hospitality. Mr. Schaefer has been the principal of Atonement Lutheran School for over 25 years. He has expressed a desire to reach out and support the Block Watch Program in the community.

VI. ADJOURNMENT:

VII. NEXT MEETING:

Monday, October 19, 2009
Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church
3205 N. 85th Street
6:30 PM